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59/55. Public administration and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling all pertinent resolutions, in particular its resolution 58/231 of 23 December 2003 on public administration and development,

Recalling also the historic resumed fiftieth session of the General Assembly, devoted to the subject of the strengthening of public administration and development,

Stressing the need for capacity-building and e-Government initiatives as tools to promote development,

Recognizing that efficient, accountable, effective and transparent public administration at both the national and the international levels constitutes a key factor in development,

Recognizing also the importance of strengthening public administration institutions, improving public sector human resources capacity and fostering knowledge creation and innovation and the utilization of information technology for development in public administration and in the implementation of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1]

Welcoming the adoption of the United Nations Convention against Corruption,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[3]

2. *Stresses* the importance of United Nations Public Service Day and the United Nations Public Service Awards in the process of revitalizing public administration by building a culture of innovation, partnership and responsiveness;

3. *Also stresses* the valuable contribution that the Global Forum on Reinventing Government has made to the exchange of lessons learned in public administration reform, and reiterates its appreciation to the Government of the

[1] See resolution 55/2.
[2] Resolution 58/4, annex.
[3] A/59/346.

Republic of Korea for hosting the Sixth Global Forum on Reinventing Government in 2005;

4. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to make arrangements for the implementation of the proposals made for the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the resumed fiftieth session of the General Assembly, on public administration and development;

5. *Takes note* of the important analytical and operational contribution that the *World Public Sector Report* provides to policymakers responsible for public administration in Member States;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to facilitate, through the United Nations Online Network in Public Administration and Finance, the dissemination of valuable practices in public administration;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to focus the work on public administration along the lines of Economic and Social Council decision 2004/302 of 23 July 2004 and General Assembly resolution 58/231;

8. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session on progress made in Member States by revitalizing public administration during the last ten years, since the resumed fiftieth session of the Assembly, on public administration and development, and to ensure that the findings are brought to the attention of Member States on the occasion of the special event in 2005.

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